FROM THE FIELD.

Rockwell City, Kansas.

Dec. 14.—Left home Saturday the 8th for Edmond, distance thirty miles away. I had sent an appointment to Bro. Levi Brumbaugh, who is a brother to Elder D. Brumbaugh, of Portis, Kansas. The appointment was made at a school-house three miles from Edmond. We went to the appointment, which was filled by Bro. Asa Bissell, our co-laborer in the gospel of Christ, who went with us. Met Sunday at 11 a. m., and there was a fine audience and they were very attentive. After the sermon we gave the invitation for testimonies, and a few rose up, among them a U. B. minister, who was holding a protracted meeting two miles from ours. He offered strong testimony to the word spoken. At night we met again and to our surprise, the large school-house was filled to the utermost. It did my soul good to see the people receiving the word of truth. The text was, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Romans 1 chapter. After we spoke, the liberty was granted to all that felt like giving in their testimonies, and there were about twenty arose.

We left to return in January, if the Lord wills. This closed the public preaching on this mission. Then we started for friend Brumbaugh's, and after a few steps, we were halted by a man and his wife, Mr. Perkins, who made very urgent request that we should go home with them, as he wished to have a talk with us, and especially, as his wife desired to unite with us, providing that he would go along. Hence we consented and after talking and reading until half past 2 a. m., when we retired for a couple hours' repose, when we arose. Then came the dear companion to himself, and his wife was happy. Bro. Perkins acknowledged his sins. Then a place to bury the dead (the old man) was sought. At once he commenced to build a dam across a little stream. It was completed, and as Philip and the Eunich, both went down into the water, and he was baptized.

Then a request was strongly urged that we should come back soon as they wished to be organized into a class, and we consented to do so. There are five members of the German Baptist church, and three of them requested it, and said that the gospel alone is all we want, and the other two we did not get to see as they were deprived of being to our meetings on the account of health. No doubt but what they will join in with the rest of the brethren and become members of the Brethren church. We had visited this place last spring, which was our first acquaintance in that part of God's heritage. May the good Lord ever keep us to work till Jesus comes.

K. HECKMAN.

Holmesville, Neb.

Bro. S. P. Stevens closed a protracted meeting, at the Holmesville M. E. Church. He preached eleven sermons and closed with a communion service Dec. 14. The communion services were the best we ever witnessed. The house was well filled, the best of order, and the occasion respected by all spectators. Many who never saw the brethren hold a communion were present. It was conducted right and to the very letter. Bro. Stevens officiated. It was so solemn that solemn impressions were left on some, outside of Christ. Our meetings have made a great stir, and a good feeling among other churches and people out of Christ, than we first had realized. Bro. Stevens preached Christ and the cross, with such energy and power. Many were deeply impressed, but no accession to the church. We feel to thank God that he left us have Bro. Stevens. We feel now as though we are going to accomplish much good for Christ's cause and the church here. The members are in better working order than ever before, and our Methodist brethren and sisters who have taken such a part and interest in our meetings, feel revived. They gave us their church house to hold our meetings in, and also our regular appointments. God bless them. Others try to do us injury. Our motto is to pray for them, make them a subject in our prayers to God, to forgive them, and convert their hearts and keep them from injuring his cause. May God bless us in our efforts to promote his cause in this place.

SAMUEL IRVIN, JR.

New Virginia, Iowa.

I have just returned from a trip on Grand river in Union county, Iowa, a place that I have often preached at, while I was identified with the German Baptist church. By the solicitations of Wm. and Henry Groesbeck whom I knew to be of strong progressive sentiment, I went there on the 11th of Dec. and held public services of evenings until the 17th, during this time I learned that three-fourths of the membership were, in sentiment, in harmony with the Brethren and as it was the desire of twelve members to be organized into a Brethren congregation, their desired was complied with. Hence you can put it down that there is a Brethren church on Grand river, nine miles northeast of Afton, with Wm. Groesbeck as their Elder, who was ordained Sept. 21, 1884. Henry Groesbeck and John Groesbeck are Deacons.

The weather was not very favorable at the close of our meetings, and the members did not all come out, so we think there will be more added by relafion. I believe there will not be more than four or five remain with the German Baptist church. One sister confessed Christ and will be received into full fellowship by baptism and confirmation in the near future. She no doubt would have been in the church long ere this only for the discipline (not of Christ) of the A. M. What a responsibility, what a responsibility.

I. J. THOMAS.

Dec. 18, 1888.

West Independence, O.

Dec. 19.—Brother Samuel Leedy, of Mo., has been visiting here about two weeks, and we have had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance. He is a very interesting talker. We also heard him preach once, and considering his age and afflictions, he did remarkably well.

On last Saturday Bro. Isaac Leedy and wife came up from Ankneytown, and in the evening we had an interesting communion service. Bro. Isaac officiated. The church was well represented, and all passed off pleasantly.

On Sunday morning Bro. Isaac Leedy preached us a very logical and practical sermon, and in the evening your humble servant preached to a good audience on the subject of faithfulness toward God.

The Leedy Bros. will return to Ankneytown the last of the week to attend a series of meetings, which is to commence on next Saturday evening, conducted by brother Bauman, of Kan. Hope they may have a good meeting.

Wife and I will start today for Bryan where we will locate and preach for the Brethren in Williams Co., and at Prattsville, Mich. Will preach tonight in Sherwood. We will probably have something to say of our work in Williams Co., and at Prattsville when we have more time to write.

Correspondents will please address me at Bryan, Ohio.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Woodland, Michigan.

The meeting at Woodland is still in progress. I had expected to close before this time, but the interest seemed to gradually increase and prodigals return to the Father's house, so that I decided to continue on, and up to this time seventeen have come out, and every few days we go to the waterside where prayer is wont to be made. We have several applicants I will baptize in a few days, with good prospects for more. I am in good health, and the Lord has been my helper. All glory to his name.

Dec. 17, 1888.

CAMPBELL, MICH.

I am now at the above named place, at the hospitable home of our dear Bro. Winey where I am penning these lines. We closed our meeting at Woodland last evening, with unabated interst, and good results for the Brethren cause. The Brethren church, and its cause was little known, or understood at that place, and the people had been treated to almost every shade of doctrine, that they were rather timid, in taking up our cause until they had time to investigate, and decide for themselves. Nothing to hinder however, I tried to preach the Gospel to them for five weeks in succession, and the result is, a Progressive class at Woedland of 16 members of splendid people, with more to follow in the future. 12 were received by baptism, and 4 by relation. I had considerable opposition to meet, but a glorious start was made, and, we look forward to this class when it shall become a strong church. The material is there, but it will take a little time to bring it out. They will have preaching every four weeks, Sabbath school every Sunday, and prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Tonight I expect to begin preaching at Campbell. Bro. Winey has had the meeting in progress ever since Sunday, with good congregations, and a good interest. This Campbell class is a model one, in every way. All are live workers and take an active part in the churches' work. We look forward with hopes for a good meeting, yet time alone will tell what the result will be.

Correspondents will address me at Campbell, Ionia Co., Mich., for the next four or five weeks.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Dec. 19, 1888.

Maurertown, Va.

Previous engagements made my visit to Downsville, Md., but short. We had hoped to give our Brethren there about ten days work. We were rained out two nights, and owing to an appointment of our Disciple brethren adjacent to our hall, we held over a day and night, to extend to them Christian courtesy. So only had the pleasure of meeting with the people a few nights. Reluctantly, we yielded to duty and engagements at home, but as Bro. Bowman will continue work just begun we may reasonably anticipate a good ingathering. He has promised to give an exposition on the beginning of the Christian dispensation, and that Christ's teachings are in force notwithstanding some people believe Pentecost is the time and Jerusalem the place where the Gospel was first preached. Hence the breaking of bread in Acts, is the Eucharist, Feet washing and Lord's prayer are obsolete. But Jesus says, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Some people take from, others add. How careful we should be when dealing with God's plan of work.

The result of our stay at the above place were 3 confessions and thee promised to take up the work.

On reaching home a letter from a young lady 60 miles distant said, "I am ready to be baptized, You said you would come if I would send word. I am ready any time it suits you, only make it short as I now want no delay." The preacher thought she ought to have been ready when the meeting was in progress. It is an earnest appeal and we cannot refuse.

E. B. SHAVER.

OUR CHURCH.

Robinson Bowser will please accept our thanks for favor of the 15th.

Bro. Henry Coats, of Downington, Ohio, writes that all are well there.

A new church has been organized near Afton, Iowa. We are glad to hear such news.

Bro. B. Beeghly of Edgewood, Iowa, has been holding meetings recently, and has baptized two, and has several applications for baptism.

Bro. S. M. Good of San Diego, Cal., says that he expects to write to the paper more frequently next year, and do more for the Lord's cause.

The Waterloo, Iowa, church has extended a call to brother Bashor to return to its pastorate in the spring. It will be remembered he held that position three years. Bro. Wise, the present pastor will leave April 1st, and resume his work in the east.

The P. O. address of our dear sister, Mrs. E. V. Stevens is now Beatrice, Nebraska, instead of Monroeville, Indiana, as she is now in the far west, engaged with her husband in building up God's cause and the Brethren church and she will be glad to hear from her old correspondents and to make many new ones.

Bro. Jacob Rothenberger writes, from Linkville, Ind., Dec. 18th: The meetings at Linkville are in progress. The house is crowed every night, and considerable interest seems to be manifested. Bro. Palmer preached the word with power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. He will begin to storm the fort at La Paz. on next Monday evening.

I was struck when I read what Dr. Beachly had to say about our Law makers. Not that I did not know some of it before, but I thought how could our land and nation prosper much longer under such wicked, ungodly rulers as they are, but we must hope for something better if we do die in despair. If we would get rid of rum and tobacco people would have more to give to the Lord.—P.

Bro. John Dietz who is holding meetings at Nachusa, Ills., with much success is one of our Lanark preachers ordained by Bro. Z. T. Livengood as a helper in the Brethren church. Bro. Dietz is said to be a hard worker and a young preacher of considerable promise in the revival work of the church. Northern Illinois certainly needs earnest workers. The field is large and promising and the calls are urgent. Bro. Livingood can do but little outside of his regular pastorate. His church is large and growing, and requires much labor and care.

The usual number of complaints come in from ministers about their names not appearing in the Annual. We published notices for a month and drummed and drummed, and such paid no attention. We don't want to be annoyed with such complaints, and will take no notice of them, nor the names. When the next Annual is prepared, and ministers are urged to send in their names and claims to admission, then they will be attended to. People are dying all the time, and before another year comes round, every one who complains may be dead. We already have too many dead ones in.

A note from Ocoya, Ills., dated Dec. 21, says notwithstanding Bro. Bashor has lost several evenings work from rains and stormy weather, our meetings are developing a strong and growing interest. Last night was the largest and best service yet held. Bro. Bashor preached upon the conversion of the household of Cornelius, and at the close extended an invitation to men to accept and confess Christ. The "ice broke" confession was made and we now look upon our meeting as one of much promise to the community and church. We will continue the meetings till Dec. 29, or Jan. 1st. We feel the presence of a refreshing out pouring of grace from on high.

How many fail to find religion a source of joy simply because they make no sacrifices for Christ! They shun every cross, they evade every duty which falls outside of themselves, they bear no burdens that they can put on others, and the result is that their lives are incomplete and unsatisfying. They long for the asurance and joy of some active, cheerful burden-bearer, who goes singing on his way. There is noworthy service of Christ without sacrifice for his sake. They who surrender the most of earthly things are the most richly endowed with spiritual things.—Central Christian Advocate.

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